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RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 5, 1870.

The Synod of North Carolina met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Jesse Rankin, Moderator, from 1 Tim. 4th ch., 16th v.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The roll of ministers and churches was called, and the following members were found to be present:

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—Jacob Doll, A. G. Hughes, A. Currie, S. A. Stanfield, Thomas U. Faucette, Joseph M. Atkinson, P. H. Dalton, J. Henry Smith, F. H. Johnston, D. E. Jordan, Drury Lacy, D.D., James C. Alexander and L. C. Vass.

Ruling-Elders—Dr. J. A. McLean, A. M. McPheeters, J. A. Womack, Malcom Shaw and Dr. John R. Hicks.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—Jesse Rankin, Thomas N. Paxton, Geo. M. Gibbs, S. C. Pharr, D.D., and Wm. A. Wood.

Ruling-Elders—L. C. Kirkpatrick, R. L. Beall, Thos. Brown, N. F. Hall, E. B. Stinson and J. R. B. Adams.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay, D.D., A. McMillan, J. M. Sherwood, Martin McQueen and A. N. Ferguson.

Ruling-Elders—Malcom McNeill, W. B. Wright and William B. Harrington.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—H. A. Munroe, S. C. Alexander, H. L. Singleton, S. H. Isler, James Kelly, L. McKinnon and N. Z. Graves.

Ruling-Elders—E. W. Kerr, J. D. Currie, W. J. Cromartie and S. Northrop.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

Ministers—John Douglas, Walter W. Pharr, T. E.

Davis, J. C. Williams, R. Z. Johnston, H. H. Banks and J. J. Kennedy.

Ruling-Elders—A. G. Neal, Wm. Caldwell, John Walker and A. T. Summey.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—Geo. W. Ferrill, Edward Hines, C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D.D., C. H. Wiley, W. B. Tidball, H. B. Pratt and J. M. M. Caldwell.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—Daniel Lindley, Thomas P. Johnston, G. W. McPhail, D.D., E. F. Rockwell, S. C. Millen, B. L. Beall, J. Rumple, D. A. Penick, William W. Pharr, E. H. Harding, Robert Bradley and R. H. Caldwell.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—Hector McLean, Hector McNeill, Hector McAlister, D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A McQueen, John H. Coble, H. G. Hill, David Fairley, Malcom McNair and K. M. McIntyre.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—D. B. Black, C. Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, B. F. Marable, H. B. Burr and A. McFadyen.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

Ministers—R. H. Morrison, D.D., Robert Burwell, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, N. Shotwell, W. N. Morrison, R. H. Chapman, D.D., Wm. Graves, J. F. W. Freeman, R. N. Davis, Jacob Hood, A. W. Miller, D.D., G. D. Parks, J. S. Barr, R. B. Anderson and William McDonald.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield was elected Moderator, and Rev. F. H. Johnston, with Ruling Elder A. T. Summey, Temporary Clerks.

On motion, Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 6, 1870.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared in Synod, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, viz:

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Ruling-Elders.*—R. Gorrell, Thomas Webb, William Bingham, W. J. Murray, Richard Seawell and J. L. Woods.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Ministers.*—G. W. McPhail, D.D., J. Rumple, E. H. Harding, D. A. Penick, R. H. Caldwell, Robert Bradley and E. F. Rockwell. *Ruling-Elder*—William Murdoch.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister.*—H. G. Hill.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG—*Ministers*—A. W. Miller, D. D., and G. D. Parks. *Ruling-Elders*—E. Nye Hutchison, A. B. Davidson, J. M. Caldwell.

The following ministers rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod: D. Lacy, D.D., Thomas E. Davis, G. D. Parks, Robert Bradley, A. McMillan, H. A. Munroe, N. Z. Graves and James Kelly.

Rev. William A. Hall, of the Synod of Memphis, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Letters were read from Rev. Messrs. J. S. Barr, B. L. Beall, Robert Burwell and William W. Pharr, rendering satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

The statistical reports from the Presbyteries were read and received. They are as follows:

THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 21 ministers, and have under their care 51 churches, 2 licentiates and 10 candidates; that on the 8th day of March, 1870, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. D. E. Jordan and the Madison church; that on the 13th day of April, 1870, they received under their care, by certificate, Mr. William C. Smith, a licentiate from the Presbytery of South Carolina; that on the 14th day of April, 1870, they dismissed, at his own request, Mr. Alexander Kirkland, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wilmington; that on the 17th day of April, 1870, they installed Rev. D. E. Jordan, pastor of the church of Oxford; that on the 14th day of April, 1870, they dismissed, at his own request, Rev. Daniel T. Towles, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Holston; that on the 15th day of April, 1870, they erased from the roll, the name of Snow Creek church; that on the 5th day of September, 1870, they held a centenary celebration at Hawfield's church, Alamance Co., N. C., it being on that day exactly one hundred years since the Presbytery of Orange was organ-

ized at the Hawfield's church; and that their next stated meeting will be held at Bethesda church, Caswell Co., N. C., on the Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April, 1871, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 5, 1870.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that as now constituted, they consist of 17 ministers, and have under their care 32 churches, 1 licentiate and 8 candidates; that on the 20th day of November 1869, they installed Rev. William A. Wood, pastor over Fourth Creek church: that on the 8th day of January, 1870, they lost by death, Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr., pastor of Rocky River church, leaving it vacant; that on the 28th day of February, 1870, they lost by death, Rev. William C. Sheetz, leaving the church of Morganton vacant, and that on the 21st day of April, 1870, they lost by death, the Rev. A. D. Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. PHARR, Stated Clerk.

Taylorsville, N. C., Sept. 9, 1870.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that at present they consist of 18 ministers, and have under their care 45 churches and 11 candidates for the ministry; that on the 5th day of January, 1870, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., and Buffalo church, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they dismissed, at his own request, Rev. J. H. Colton, to connect himself with the Indian Presbytery; that on the 9th day of April, 1870, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. N. Ferguson and Ben-Salem church, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they received on probation, subject to the order of Synod, Rev. Joseph Evans, from the Presbytery of Quebec, Canada; that on the 7th day of May, 1870, they installed Rev. Arch'd McQueen, pastor of Ashpole church, and that on the —— day of ——, 1870, they organized a church in Rockingham, Richmond county, N. C.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Buffalo ch., N. C., Sep. 17, 1870.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

The Presbytery of Wilmington would report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 25 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates; that on the 14th day of April, 1870, they received Rev. H. B. Burr on a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Baltimore; that on the same day, Mr. S. H. Bell, a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, under the care of Concord Presbytery, was transferred to this Presbytery; that on the 16th day of April, 1870, they ordained Mr. A. McFadyen, a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, to the full work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist; that on the 1st day of October, 1870, Mr. G. W. McMillan, a candidate under the care of Concord Presbytery, was transferred to this Presbytery; that on the 1st day of October, 1870, Mr. Alex'r Kirkland, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Orange, was received, on a letter of dismis

sion, under the care of this Presbytery, and that on the 5th day of October, 1870, they ordained Mr. Alexander Kirkland to the full work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist.

Respectfully submitted.

L. McKINNON, Stated Clerk.

October 5, 1870.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

To the Synod of North Carolina the Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1. That they consist of 23 ministers and 39 churches, and have under their care 5 candidates.

2. That 11 of their ministers are pastors, 5 are stated supplies, 1 is a missionary, 3 are teachers and 3 are without charge.

3. That they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. R. Z. Johnston and the church of Providence, (half his time) on the 22d April, 1870, and declared said church vacant.

4. That they received from the Presbytery of Bethel, Union church, in Gaston Co., N. C., on the 23d day of April, 1870.

5. That 9 of their churches are vacant, viz: Providence, Wadesboro', Goshen, Machpelah, Bethel, Franklin, Hiwassee, Beulah and Flat Creek: 15 have pastors and 16 are partially supplied.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

Oct. 1870.

The narratives from the several Presbyteries were read and referred to the standing committee appointed to prepare an address to the churches on the state of religion.

The reports on Systematic Benevolence from the several Presbyteries, except Concord Presbytery, were read, ordered to be filed and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees, viz:

1. On Bills and Overtures.—*Ministers:* Jesse Rankin, Neill McKay, D.D. John M. Sherwood. *Ruling-Elders:* Dr. John R. Hicks and Dr. R. L. Beall.

2. Judicial Committee.—*Ministers:* J. Henry Smith, Walter W. Pharr and Thomas N. Paxton. *Ruling-Elders:* W. B. Harrington and Malcom Shaw.

3. On the Records of Orange Presbytery.—*Ministers:* Hugh A. Munroe and Martin McQueen. *Ruling-Elder:* William B. Wright.

4. On the Records of Concord Presbytery.—*Ministers:* L. McKinnon and S. H. Isler. *Ruling-Elder:* John A. Womack.

5. On the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery.—*Ministers:* Samuel C. Pharr, D.D., and George M. Gibbs. *Ruling-Elder:*—L. C. Kirkpatrick.

6. On the Records of Wilmington Presbytery.—*Ministers:* D. E. Jordan and William A. Wood, *Ruling-Elder:* Dr. J. A. McLean.

7. On the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery.—*Ministers:* P. H. Dalton and L. C. Vass. *Ruling-Elder:* William Bingham.

8. To prepare an Address to the Churches on the state of Religion within the bounds of the Synod.—*Ministers:* R. Z. Johnston and John Douglas. *Ruling-Elder:* Dr. J. R. B. Adams.

9. On Devotional Exercises.—*Ministers:* Jos. M. Atkinson and S. C. Alexder. *Ruling-Elder:* A. M. McPheeters.

10. On the Treasurer's Account.—*Minister:* H. L. Singleton. *Ruling-Elders:* Wm. Murdoch and S. Northrop.

11. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.—*Ministers:* J. C Williams and Tho. U. Faucette. *Ruling-Elder:* Thomas Webb.

12. On Union Theological Seminary.—*Ministers:* A. Currie and J. Rumple. *Ruling-Elder:* Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

13. On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.—*Ministers:* J. C. Alexander and E. F. Rockwell. *Ruling-Elder:* Ralph Gorrell.

14. On Leave of Absence.—*Ministers:* Jas. P. McPherson and R. H. Caldwell. *Ruling-Elder:* John Walker.

The annual report of the Board of Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the standing committee on the Seminary.

On motion, the nomination of Directors to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was referred to the committee on the Seminary.

A paper from Fayetteville Presbytery in relation to Rev. Joseph Evans, a foreign minister, was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. Henry Smith and E. H. Harding, with John Walker, Ruling-Elder.

Mr. William Bingham, Ruling-Elder, was excused for absence without leave at the calling of the roll at the close of the last session of the Synod at Morganton.

Rev. Messrs. Rumple and Harding, with Ruling-Elder William Murdoch, were appointed to prepare a notice of the life and labors of Rev. A. D. Montgomery.

Rev. Jesse Rankin and Dr. A. W. Miller, with Ruling-Elder L. C. Kirkpatrick, were appointed to prepare a Minute in reference to the life and labors of Rev. Daniel A. Penick, Sr.

Rev. Messrs. H. H. Banks and D. A. Penick, with Ruling-Elder A. T. Summey, were appointed to prepare a minute on the life and labors of Rev. William C. Sheetz.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the committee on the Treasurer's account.

The report of the Agent of Sustentation was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The report of the Agent of Education was made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

The report of the Agent of Publication and Colportage was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The Synod received an invitation from the Superintendent of the Insane Asylum to visit that Institution. It was resolved that the Synod acknowledges the courtesy of the Superintendent, and instructs Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson to say that it accepts the invitation, and will, if consistent with the business of the Synod, visit the Institution.

The following standing rule was adopted:

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Synod that hereafter any committee of Synod, appointed for the discharge of a specific duty, failing to report at the time specified, or assign sufficient excuse for said neglect in writing, shall be regarded as dissolved by said failure to report, with the censure of Synod.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Minutes of the present meeting of Synod be published.

Fayetteville, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, the 11th day of October, 1871, at 7½ p. m., as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

Certain papers in relation to the travelling expenses of Mr. P. Murphy, as a Director of Union Theological Seminary, were read.

On motion, these papers were referred back to Wilmington Presbytery, with the standing rule of Synod in relation to the matter referred to.

A communication from Dr. Baird, Secretary of the Assembly's Committee of Publication, was read and referred to the Synodical Agent of Publication.

In the absence of Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer of Synod, Mr. Ralph Gorrell, Ruling-Elder, was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee on the Minutes of the Wilmington Presbytery report that they have examined the same and find them kept with much neatness, and recommend their approval, with the exception that on page 78 it is recorded that the Presbytery appointed a committee to organize a church at Kinston, if the way be clear; thus authorizing their committee to decide whether the way was clear for them to organize a church in the bounds of another Presbytery.

On motion, Synod then took recess until 4 o'clock, p. m.

After recess, Synod met and resumed business.

The committee appointed to prepare a notice of the life and labors of Rev. Thomas Lynch made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Rev. Thomas Lynch was born in Orange county, N. C., January 15, 1791. He spent the first years of his life in his father's family. At the age of 17 he became hopefully pious under the ministry of Rev. William D. Paisley, at Cross Roads church. He commenced studying with a view to preaching the Gospel when he was 23 years of age, in the school of Rev. William Bingham. After some time spent in literary studies, he read Theology with Rev. John Witherspoon, D.D., and was licensed to preach by Orange Presbytery, in 1825, at Washington, N. C., and ordained to the work of an Evangelist, in Hillsboro', N. C., in 1827.

He commenced his labors as an Evangelist in Robeson Co., N. C., and in Marlboro' District in S. C., but removed with Mrs. Bingham, whose daughter he married, in 1827 to Tennessee, where he labored about three years. He organized a church at Paris, and presided at the organization of the Presbytery of the Western District. Returning to North Carolina, he continued to preach to different churches in Orange and Alamance, until his death in June 1869.

He was a zealous preacher, laborious and self-denying, making it his direct object to bring sinners to repentance. And now that he has ceased from his labors, we have reason to believe that he has those who, being saved by his instrumentality, shall be as stars in his crown of rejoicing.

An overture from the Presbytery of Wilmington was read and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

A paper in relation to a change of the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Orange and Wilmington was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery made a report which was accepted.

The exception which the committee reported was put on the docket.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct 7, 1870.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. R. N. Davis and Rev. William McDonald, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, Rev. D. D. McBryde, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, J. W. Kerr and P. Murphy, Ruling-Elders from the Presbytery of Wilmington, appeared in the Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D., Professor in Union Theological Seminary, and member of the Synod of Virginia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Papers containing a correspondence between Mr. Kingsland, of the "North Carolina Land Agency," and Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, were presented, read and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson and Rev. J. Henry Smith, to report to the present meeting.

Letters were received from Rev. C. Phillips, D.D., and Rev. Hector McLean, giving satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod.

A communication from a minority of the congregation of the Brown Marsh Church, Presbytery of Wilmington, was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The first order of the day was taken up, and the Synod heard the report of the Agent of Sustentation.

The report was received, and the resolutions adopted. The resolutions appended to the report are as follows:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod expresses its gratification at the interest manifested in the cause of sustentation among our people, especially in the recent efforts made to secure and support Evangelists in several of the Presbyteries.

Resolved, 2. That this whole subject be again commended to the attention of the Presbyteries, and that they be urged to renewed efforts to bring up our people to the full measure of duty in their contributions, that we may have wherewith to supply our own destitutions, and contribute liberally to send the Gospel into the wide wastes existing throughout the bounds of our beloved church.

The report of the Agent of Education was read and received, and the recommendation to the churches to observe the fourth Thursday of February, as a day of special prayer, was adopted.

The recommendation is as follows:

"Your Agent suggests that Synod call the attention of all our people and churches to the action of the late Assembly on the subject of Education, especially to the observance of the annual concert of prayer on the fourth Thursday of February, in behalf of our youth and for the increase of efficient laborers in the Master's vineyard."

Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D., by invitation, addressed the Synod on the subject of education.

The committee appointed to review the records of Concord Presbytery reported that they had examined the same, and recommend their approval, as far as written. This report was adopted.

The report of the committee on the records of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg was taken up. This report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend their approval as far as written, with the following exception:

On page 56 we find the following resolution:—

"The Presbytery of Mecklenburg, recently organized, deems it proper to define its status in relation to the Theological Seminaries of our Southern church, which is one of neutrality, not bound to either, free to sustain both."

The committee are of opinion that the Presbytery should not, without the consent of Synod, have passed such a resolution in view of their obligations and agreement as a part of the Synod of North Carolina to support Union Theological Seminary, under the care of the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia.

On motion, the Synod took recess until 4 o'clock, p. m.

After recess the Synod met and resumed business.

Rev. D. A. Penick and Dr. J. A. McLean, Ruling-Elder, were added to the committee on leave of absence.

Notice was given by the Rev. A. W. Miller, D.D., that complaint against the action of the Synod, in relation to the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, would be made to the General Assembly.

The committee on the Treasurer's account made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's account report that they find the receipts and disbursements accurately stated and accompanied with the proper vouchers. There is a balance due to the Treasurer of $13 34, arising in part from the failure of Concord Presbytery to pay its assessment of $75 for 1870.

Your committee recommend that Concord Presbytery be hereby enjoined to pay its assessment at the earliest practical moment.

The following assessment for 1871 is recommended:

Orange Presbytery,		$65 00.
Concord	do.,	37 50.
Fayetteville	do.,	40 00.
Wilmington	do.,	25 00.
Mecklenburg	do.,	37 50.

The committee appointed to examine the records of Fayetteville Presbytery reported that they had examined these records, and recommend their approval, as far as written. This report was adopted.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would respectfully report, that having examined the same, find nothing which in their judgment demands the especial action of this Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a notice of the life and labors of Rev. A. D. Montgomery made the following report, which was accepted and approved:

The Synod of North Carolina would again acknowledge the hand of God in the removal of the Rev. Archibald D. Montgomery from the labors of earth to the rest and refreshment of heaven.

The Great Master above, who is ever to be worshipped and adored, has called another workman from the outer to the inner courts, and revealed to him the secret of eternal glory, and we who still linger here bow with Christian submission to the hand that takes the fathers of Israel and the horsemen thereof from our sight.

In this memorial we would record that Mr. Montgomery was born about 1791, in Caswell county, N. C. His theological studies were pursued under the direction of the Rev. John Witherspoon, D.D.

He was licensed by the Presbytery of Orange in 1821, began preaching at the Hawfields church, and for several years labored with acceptance and success in Danville and Red House churches; in Halifax Co., Va.; Lexington, N. C.; Long Cane and Newberry, S. C., and for a little while in Washington, Georgia. Many precious revivals were enjoyed under his ministry. He was an earnest preacher; was often melted to tears as he warned sinners to flee the wrath to come. He was particularly gifted in prayer and exhortation, and was full of animation and

earnestness in the great work. Compelled at length by increasing infirmities to retire from the active labors of the Ministry, he and his faithful companion returned to the homes of their children in Salisbury and Lexington. In the latter place, about one year after the departure of the wife of his youth, this venerable servant of God slept in Jesus on the 21st of April, 1870. His remains were interred in the English graveyard in Salisbury, beside the grave of his wife.

The committee on Union Theological Seminary made a report, which was accepted, amended, adopted and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary having examined the papers placed in their hands, respectfully report:

1. That they find cause for thankfulness to the Great Head of the church, in the gratifying evidences of life and prosperity exhibited in the Seminary during the past year, and recommend that Synod heartily approve the action of the Board of Trustees.

2. That the attention of our churches and Christian people be especially called to the importance of furnishing the rooms of the Seminary, as recommended by the Trustees.

3. That Synod earnestly recommend, as a means of increasing the efficiency of the Seminary, and wisely and permanently aiding the educational interests of the church, the completing of the scholarships already commenced, and the endowment of others.

4. For filling the vacancies in the Board of Trustees, which occur at this time, the committee recommend that the Rev. L. McKinnon be elected in place of Rev. S. A. Stanfield, and that the other members whose term of office expires at this time be re-elected.

Your committee also recommend that Dr. R. L. Beall be elected in place of Dr. N. M. Roan, whose office is vacated by his failing to comply with the requisition of Synod.

Resolved, That Synod acknowledges the hand of God in the removal, by death, during the past year, of Rev. S. B. Wilson, D.D., and whilst we mourn his loss, we would record with gratitude our sense of the goodness of God, in giving and sparing so long to the Seminary and the church an instructor so faithful and competent.

The committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery reported that they had reviewed these records, and recommend their approval, as far as written.

This report was adopted.

Mr. D. M. McIntosh, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, appeared in the Synod, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. Lewis K. Wiley, of the N. C. M. E. Conference,

being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Stated Clerk made the following statistical report of the Synod to the General Assembly, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CURCH IN THE U. STATES.

The Synod of North Carolina reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these Presbyteries consist in whole of ninety-three Ministers, having under their care one hundred and ninety-two Churches, five Licentiates, and thirty-eight Candidates, viz:

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange,	21	51	2	10
Concord,	17	32	1	8
Fayetteville,	18	45	0	11
Wilmington,	14	25	2	4
Mecklenburg,	23	39	0	5
Total,	93	192	5	38

The Synod further reports, that its next meeting will be held in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 11th day of October, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the excuses of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board be rendered to the Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the churches on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, made a report, which was adopted.

It was ordered that this address be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, and in the "North Carolina Presbyterian."

The Agent of Publication and Colportage made his report, which was received, and the resolutions appended to the report were adopted.

The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod recommends to the Presbyteries to take such steps as will best secure a speedy completion of the capital sum.

Resolved, 2. That Synod urges our Ministers and our people to patronize, as liberally as they can, in supplying their own needs and those of their families and Sabbath schools, our own publishing house in Richmond, Virginia.

Resolved, 3. That the Synod recommends our people to avail themselves of the offers of this committee for gratuitous grants of tracts, &c., to circulate throughout our various communities.

Resolved, 4. That the Synod urgently presses on all our ministers and people to make special and speedy efforts for our Sabbath school paper, "The Children's Friend," and for our new weekly journal, entitled "The Earnest Worker in the Sabbath School and in the Family."

The committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on overture No. 1, relative to the proposed change of the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Orange and Wilmington, which was accepted.

On motion, this report was laid on the table for the present.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported on overture No. 2, from the Presbytery of Wilmington, asking the Synod "to establish and declare the line dividing the Orange and Wilmington Presbyteries," and recommended that the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish the Presbytery of Wilmington with the desired information respecting said boundary line.

This report was adopted.

The committee on devotional exercises made a report, which was approved.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 8, 1870.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D.D., of the Synod of South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Judicial Committee made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Judicial Committee would report the following, in reference to the matter of the Brown Marsh congregation.

The subject comes up to the Synod in the form of a complaint, by Mr. D. N. Buie, against the Presbytery of Wilmington, for refusing to divide the congregation of Brown Marsh, to-wit: By organizing a new church at the new house of worship, and perpetuating the old organization at the old house of worship, which is a little over two miles from the new one.

The Presbytery of Wilmington, after hearing all the facts, declined to favor the application for division, and urged the parties to peace and harmony.

There is irregularity in the manner in which this matter is brought before the Synod. All the facts are not strictly before the Synod in committee; the Presbytery complained of has not had the proper or usual notice; that this complaint would be made at this Synod, and therefore your committee report, recommending that the papers be returned to the complainant with the assurance however, that the Synod does not mean to decide this case against him, but that whenever the matter comes up regularly, it will be fully and fairly acted upon.

The committee however, further, from all the facts before the committee, and from conversations with members of Wilmington Presbytery, recommends to the Synod to urge all the brethren of Brown Marsh, to do as the Presbytery of Wilmington has recommended.

We beg all the brethren in this difficulty, to study the things that make for peace, and in the spirit of love and forbearance, seek for the unity and harmony of the congregation of Brown Marsh.

On motion, it was resolved that Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D.D., be invited to address the Synod in relation to the Assembly's proposed Relief Fund, to-day at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The committee appointed to prepare a notice of the life and labors of Rev. Daniel A. Penick, Sr., made a report which was accepted and approved.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute, expressive of the feelings of Synod in reference to the death of Rev. Daniel A. Penick, Sr., would respectfully report the following:

This beloved brother was with us at our last meeting, and then in attendance under the impression that it was the last meeting of Synod he would ever live to attend. His apprehensions of approaching dissolution were realized unexpectedly soon. He died on the 8th of January, 1870. A breach is thus made in our body, which is painfully felt by us all, while we would bow with submission to the divine will thus manifested. He was spared to furnish the example of a long life of arduous, faithful and effective labor. His regular ministrations were confined to three localities. First, in Powhatan county, Virginia, for about three years. Second, in Milton, N. C., for about eight years. Third, in Rocky River, Cabarrus county, N. C., for about thirty-four years.

In each of these places, his labors were blessed with revivals of religion, and in the last place, with four distinct revivals. He was an instructive, earnest and impressive preacher; a diligent and effective pastor; a wise, courteous and influential member of the judicatories, and in all respects, an exemplary man.

While we feel the bereavement incident to his death, it is pleasant to feel undiminished assurance of his eternal well being.

Resolved, 1. That we tender our sympathies to his bereaved family, and to the congregation deprived of a faithful and laborious pastor.

Resolved, 2. That a copy of this minute be sent, by the Stated Clerk, to his

family, and another to the congregation of Rocky River, to be read from the pulpit, on the first suitable occasion.

The Agent of Foreign Missions read his annual report, which was received, and the following resolutions appended to the report were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod of North Carolina is devoutly thankful to God for the little He has enabled and disposed our churches to do for this cause, and most tenderly commends it to the liberal support of every one who loves the Saviour, and prays for the coming of his kingdom, confident this object is worthy of the benefactions of the people, and that God will reward the cheerful giver.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod will labor to raise its share of the funds needed by the Assembly's committee to carry on the work.

Resolved, 3. That the Synod is grateful, in that another one of its ministers, Rev. J. H. Colton, has since we last met as a Synod, been honored with a Mission in the Choctaw Nation; that his health has been preserved, and for all the service he has done in this great work.

Resolved, 4. That all of our brethren are exhorted to pray for our Missionaries, that God would protect them from sudden violence and cruel treatment, and especially for our brethren in China, who are more particularly exposed at this time.

Resolved, 5. That Synod endorses the recommendations of the Presbyteries, and the efforts of some churches in regard to training children in Sabbath schools, to contribute to this cause.

Resolved, 6. That the Presbyteries are directed to forward the reports of their Agents of Foreign Missions to the Synod's Agent, before the annual meeting of Synod.

By invitation, Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D.D., addressed the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Letters were received from Rev. Edward Hines and Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., giving satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

Mr. J. C. McMillan, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Wilmington, appeared in the Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Rev. Dr. Wilson addressed the Synod, on the subject of the Assembly's Relief Fund.

The following paper on Sabbath schools was adopted:

The Synod of North Carolina, in view of the increased interest in Sabbath schools and of the recommendation of the General Assembly, would hereby declare its full sympathy with this revived and increasing interest, and would commend this subject to the prayers and zealous efforts of all our people.

That in order to have this important matter occupy its due place in the mind and heart of this Synod, the Synod resolves to appoint, at this meeting, an Agent,

as in the case of Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Publication and Education, to present annually before the Synod, as full a report as possible, of the condition and growth and prospects of the Sabbath school cause.

That we commend this subject to the hearts of our people, and recommend and urge that the papers published by our committee in Richmond, "The Children's Friend" and "Earnest Worker," be much more widely circulated among our people.

Rev. L. C. Vass was appointed Synodical Agent of Sabbath schools.

Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Baptist church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a notice of the life and labors of Rev. William C. Sheetz, made the following report, which was received and approved:

The committee appointed to prepare a minute relative to the life and labors of Rev. William C. Sheetz, respectfully report:

This Synod notes, with profound sadness, that one "with whom we have often taken sweet counsel and walked to the house of God in company," is missing from our ecclesiastical courts to-day.

The Rev. William Conrad Sheetz, was born in Charlestown, Virginia; was graduated at Jefferson College, Pa.; pursued his Theological course at Union Seminary, in the State of Virginia. The earlier years of his ministry were spent in shepherding Christ's flock within the bounds of the church of Little Washington, Va. Subsequently he accepted a call to the church of Morganton, within the bounds of Concord Presbytery in this State, where for more than eighteen years, he lived and labored in the service of his Divine Master, and where he calmly fell asleep in Jesus on the 28th day of February, 1870.

During the latter years of his life he was the victim of chronic asthmatic disease. His days were days of weariness and pain, and his nights were spent in restless wakefulness. But with uncomplaining submission he bore the strokes of his heavenly Father's afflicting rod, and patiently waited the Master's summons to that blessed land "the inhabitant whereof shall no more say I am sick."

In connection with the last annual sessions of this body in Morganton, this Synod remembers with melancholy pleasure the Christian courtesy and hospitality of our departed brother.

Commending the bereaved widow and family to the care of a covenant keeping God, we bow with resignation to the Divine will which has bereft us of a brother beloved, and we pray that we may "be also ready" when the Son of Man shall come, to join him in the General Assembly and church of the first born in heaven.

The committee appointed to report on the paper from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, in relation to Rev. Joseph Evans, a foreign minister, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to report on a paper of Fayetteville Presbytery, relative to the proceedings in the case of Rev. Joseph Evans, a foreign minister,

beg leave respectfully to report, that the action of said Presbytery in the premises is entirely satisfactory, and recommend that Synod give its approval and order the Stated Clerk of Fayetteville Presbytery to enroll his name among its members.

Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, from the special committee on the correspondence between himself and Mr R. Kingsland, in reference to immigration from Scotland to this State, made a report which was accepted.

This report consists of a letter to R. Kingsland, Esq., from Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, respecting the subject just referred to, and is as follows:

RALEIGH, N. C., October 8th, 1870.

R. KINGSLAND, ESQ.

My dear Sir: In response to your inquiry touching the religious provision for immigrants to North Carolina, and the religious privileges which they may reckon upon when they reach the State, permit me to submit the subjoined statement:

The principal protestant churches, as the Episcopal; the Methodist, in both its branches—Methodist Episcopal and Protestant; the Baptist in its several varieties; the Lutheran, and the Presbyterian, are all represented amongst us; and most if not all of them are now in a flourishing condition, and have every prospect of growth. Our people are characteristically a religious people, but with greater diversity of religious sentiment and doctrine as compared with the people of Scotland.

The Presbyterian church, with which of course I am most familiar, has long been a leading denomination in the State.

The Synod, which is now holding its sessions in this city, is composed of five Presbyteries, numbering nearly if not quite a hundred Ministers of the Gospel, and more than thirty candidates in the various stages of training for the Ministry. The more advanced pursuing their studies in the Theological Seminaries and the younger in the more elementary schools of instruction.

The Synod of North Carolina, within its bounds, embraces about fifteen thousand communicants. The Counties of Cumberland, of Orange, of Alamance, of Guilford, of Mecklenburg, of Iredell, and of Cabarrus, are made up almost entirely of Presbyterians.

The western portion of the State, in which Presbyterianism largely abounds, resembles Scotland in its natural features of sublimity and beauty with a far milder and better climate.

In this connection we would gladly refer to a series of letters which have appeared in the "Hamilton Advertiser," of the present year, and especially to the letter of June the 4th, which gives a very interesting and intelligent account of the moral and the material attractions of the State. These letters will carry additional weight to the minds of Scotchmen, as written by a countryman of their own, Mr. Duncan Stewart, of Detroit.

The base of the Presbyterian population of the State is Scotch and Scotch-Irish, many of whom came hither originally from Pennsylvania and the Valley of Virginia, but most, directly from Scotland.

I am perfectly sincere in the expression of the opinion that in no part of the world would the countrymen of Knox and Chalmers find a warmer welcome or a more congenial abode than in North Carolina.

I feel bound, however, to enter my solemn protest against certain defamatory statements concerning the social and moral character and condition of Southern society generally, and especially of what has gone out from these sources against this particular State.

Believe me to remain

Very respectfully yours,

JOSEPH M. ATKINSON,

Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, N. C.

Whereupon the Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the letter of Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson to R. Kingsland, Esq. having been read before the Synod of North Carolina, the Synod endorses the said letter and extends a cordial invitation to the Presbyterians of Scotland, contemplating immigration, to make their homes in our midst.

The following resolution was also adopted.

Resolved, That the Synod designate Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, of Charlotte, N. C., Prof. W. C. Kerr, of Raleigh, Ralph Gorrell, Esq., of Greensboro', Mr. Alexander Sprunt, of Wilmington, B. Fuller, Esq., of Fayetteville, and A. T. Summey, of Ashville, N. C., Ruling-Elders in the Presbyterian church, as persons worthy of the confidence of those interested in the introduction of immigrants for information on this whole subject.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod having heard with pleasure, the address of Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D.D., relative to the General Assembly's scheme for the relief of the families of deceased Ministers, do heartily approve this enterprise, and recommend it to the Presbyteries, Churches and Sessions composing this Synod.

The report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, on overture No. 1, which was laid on the table yesterday, was taken up. This report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The report is as follows:

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, to whom was referred the resolution of Rev. H. A. Munroe, do report that they deem it inexpedient to change the line in any respect, or to make any transfer of territory from one Presbytery to another.

The committee appointed heretofore, to prepare sketches of the life and labors of Dr. Alexander Wilson, Rev. Robert Tate and Rev. D. Johnston, having failed to report, the Synod expresses its regret at this failure, and hopes to have a report from them at its next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod expresses, hereby, its disappointment and regret, that in view of a certain sale of property, and of the rumored loss of funds belonging to this body, the Trustees of this Synod have sent no report of what has taken place, and of what is the condition of the funds belonging to this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod of North Carolina be tendered to the citizens of Raleigh for their cordial hospitality to its members while in session here; also, to the various rail roads for their reduction of fare: and to the Methodist and Baptist churches for the use of their houses of worship, and that the pastor of the Presbyterian church be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit on Sabbath, and that the city papers be requested to publish the same.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to select one or more of the commissioners to the next General Assembly, to defend its action in relation to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, against which action notice was given that complaint would be made.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod recommends to each of the Presbyteries to appoint annually some one of its members to prepare and read before the Presbytery a historical sketch of some one of the churches within its bounds, and that such sketches be filed away by the Stated Clerk, in the archives of the Presbytery.

The committee on leave of absence made the following report, which was accepted and approved:

The committee on leave of absence respectfully report, that they have granted leave of absence to the following members of Synod:

To Mr. W. J. Cromartie, after Thursday evening; to Rev. Tho. U. Faucette, after 11 o'clock, Friday; and to the following members after Friday evening:—Rev. E. F. Rockwell, S. C. Pharr, D.D., A. N. Ferguson, R. H. Caldwell, Robert Bradley, D. E. Jordan, J. Rumple, S. H. Isler, W. A. Wood, and Messrs. E. B. Stimson, E. Nye Hutchison, Thomas Brown, N. F. Hall, John Walker, A. G. Neal, W. D. Harrington, William Murdoch, William Caldwell, J. L. Woods, Malcom McNeill, W. B. Wright, S. Northrop, J. D. Currie, Rev. H. L. Singleton, and Rev. N. Z. Graves. To Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., after 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll was then called and the following members were found to be absent without permission:

Presbytery of Orange—Rev. D. Lacy, D. D., and Richard Seawell, Ruling-Elder.

Presbytery of Wilmington—Ruling-Elders E. W. Kerr and J. C. McMillan.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet in Fayette-

ville, N.C., on the 11th day of October 1871, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE SYNOD

OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."

Another year has passed away, and the Synod has met and heard the narratives on the state of religion from the Presbyteries, and would address words of encouragement and fraternal advice to all the churches under its care.

1st. *Statement.*—The narratives from the Presbyteries report no special revivals—no general awakening on the subject of religion. As to benevolence, they tell of increased liberality on the part of some of the churches, and they tell us that some churches—in some of the Presbyteries of a good many churches—which have contributed nothing to any religious object; they speak of more general interest in Sabbath schools; they say the people generally attend to the preaching of the word; they speak of many vacant churches and no ministers to occupy them; they speak of the many and vast regions in all of the Presbyteries that are without the ministrations of the Gospel, and that great interest exists on the subject of sending out evangelists, missionaries and pastors to labor in these waste places; they tell us further of the decline of some of our dear old churches, where many of the ministers and elders of the Synod were raised, and learned the ways of Zion; that the venerable fathers in some of them have died; that their numbers are getting smaller every year, and that they are unable to support the ministry as they once did, in the days when our fathers lived, and of their abundance cheerfully paid our salaries and supported our missionaries.

2d. *Encouragement.*—This, brethren, is no very flattering record of our year's work. But let us not be discouraged; let us fight on, asking forgivness for former short-comings and for ability and disposition to do more efficient and cheerful service in future.

What your hands find to do, do with your might looking forward. We do exhort to individual, personal effort in the Master's work. Do pray for the ministry. This will help them to preach and help you to forgive their short-comings. Do stand by and hold up the hands of your elders and deacons, who in great anxiety and modest zeal and without material compensation, desire to serve you and build up the walls of Zion.

Do we affectionately entreat you look well to your households, rule them in the fear of the Lord, train the dear little children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, impress them with the solemn truth that they cannot afford to do without religious privileges and the public means of grace.

We exhort you to confidence in the agencies of the church. This Synod delights to honor and support the Committees of the General Assembly, believing they are conscientiously and wisely operating the great schemes entrusted to their care, and we do therefore confidently recommend them to your liberal support and favorable consideration.

To any of you who are blessed in your temporal affairs and are able and willing to offer a helping hand where it is needed, we would suggest that there are some places in our bounds where the Presbyteries do most sincerely desire to build houses of worship and have no funds with which to operate, and where the Presbyteries would most gladly make permanent investments of any donations you may be willing to make.

And as we observe the wonderful revolutions of the day, by which the works of art and the fortunes of the crowned heads of the East are being swept away, leaving poverty, pestilence and ruin in their stead, how full of meaning is the Scripture caution: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth."

And now, brethren, we bid you God's speed, commending you to his tender mercy, and praying his blessing upon all the churches in this old commonwealth, that God "would keep them all by his power, through faith unto salvation."

S. A. STANFIELD, Moderator.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 8, 1870.

REPORT OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits to the Synod of North Carolina the following report of their benevolent contributions for the year ending April 1st, 1870:

We have under our care 51 churches. Of these

33	contributed to	Sustentation,	$ 666 00
32	" "	Foreign Missions,	652 00
31	" "	Education,	1113 00
24	" "	Publication,	349 00
	Miscellaneous contributions,		1831 00
	Total,		$4611 00

Thus it appears that several of our churches have contributed this year that gave nothing last year, and that there is an increase this year in the aggregate of $657 00.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

Hawfields Church, September 7, 1870.

REPORT OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina the following report of their contributions for the year ending April 9, 1870.

30 Churches contributed to Sustentation,..... $ 527 42
31....do.....do..... Foreign Missions,..... 320 00
29....do.....do..... Education,..... 339 97
27....do.....do..... Publication,..... 235 19

Leaving

15 Churches as giving nothing to Sustentation.
14 do. do. do. Foreign Missions.
16 do. do. do. Education.
18 do. do. do. Publication.

It is due to our churches to state that the past Synodical year has been one of unprecedented scarcity among our people both of provisions and money.

There are three methods employed in raising funds for benevolent objects.

1. The envelope system.
2. Regular Sabbath collections whenever they have preaching.
3. Quarterly collections, at such times as suit the convenience of the people.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery,

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 6th, 1870.

REPORT OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that the churches under their care have contributed the following sums to benevolent purposes, from October 1869 to October 1870, viz:

For Contingent Fund, ... $356 68.
" Sustentation, ... 204 89.
" Foreign Missions, ... 200 35.
" Education, ... 195 32.
" Publication, ... 69 32.
" Disabled Ministers, ... 50 79.

Respectfully submitted.

L. McKINNON, Stated Clerk.

October 5, 1870.

FIRST REPORT OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

To the Synod of North Carolina the Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1st. That their benevolent operations are not very systematic as yet, though they are trying to make them so.

All of the benevolent schemes of the church receive attention from the Presbytery, but owing to the confusion in the time and manner of reporting, the Presbytery is not as yet officially informed as to what their churches have done. As to Sustentation, reports show what was done by *some* of the churches from our organization in October last to April last. The same is true of Education. Our Agent for Foreign Missions has been able to report what has been done up to the present time by about one half of the churches. The Agent for Publication reports for the whole year also, but he has heard from only seven churches.

2nd. So far as we can report, the aggregate amounts contributed are as follows:

Sustentation,	$861 00
Foreign Missions,	771 00
Publication,	62 00
Education,	00 00

3rd. This amount to Sustentation includes contributions for Evangelists Ministers' Families, &c.

We know that more has been done for Sustentation than these figures show, but we are unable to say what is the correct amount, and the same is true of the other causes. Nineteen of the churches of this Presbytery have given to Foreign Missions nearly as much as the two Presbyteries of Concord and Mecklenburg gave the year before their division.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

Near Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 30, 1870.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, for the years 1869 and 1870.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 15th June, 1870.

The Directors and Trustees respectfully submit to the Synods this their annual report, viz:

FACULTY.—The venerable and beloved Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D.D., one of the Professors, died on the 1st day of August, 1869, after a useful and honorable service of twenty-eight years. On the 27th October, 1869, the Trustees, by unanimous vote, elected the Rev. HENRY C. ALEXANDER, D.D., a Professor of the institution; on the 1st day of January, 1870, he entered on the duties of his office; on the 14th day of June 1870, at the first meeting of the Trustees since his election, he was formally inducted into office, in the mode prescribed by the constitution, delivered a discourse appropriate to his inauguration in the presence of the Board of Directors, entered into the engagements required by the plan and constitution, and received from the Rev. Prof. J. L. KIRKPATRICK, as the representative of the Board, a solemn charge as to the nature and duties of his office.

The Faculty now consists of the following professors, viz:

Rev. Benj. M. Smith, D.D., Professor of Oriental Literature.

Rev. Robt. L. Dabney, D.D., Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology.

Rev. Tho. E. Peck, D.D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Rev. Henry C. Alexander, D.D., Professor of Biblical Literature and Interpretation of the New Testament.

2. STUDENTS.—Thirty-five students have been in attendance at the Seminary during the collegiate year terminating 14th June, 1870, and it gives the Board pleasure to report to the Synods, that these young gentlemen have been faithful, diligent and conscientious in their studies and preparation for the great and noble work of the Gospel Ministry. Certificates of having completed the studies prescribed by the constitution of the Seminary have been awarded to the following members of the senior class, viz:

Ed. T. Hoge of Va., Alfred Jones of West Va., J. G. Hunter of Kentucky, Ch. A. Scott of Va., G. B. Strickler of Va., D. S. Sydenstricker, West Va.

3. LIBRARY.—Additions of 228 volumes have been made to the Library during the year. The late Rev. U. Powers, dec'd., of Roanoke county, Va., by his will, bequeathed to the Seminary the half of his estate, to be appropriated exclusively to the purchase of books for the Library, and it is expected that three thousand dollars will be realized from this source by the 1st Sept. 1870, and more than six thousand dollars thereafter.

4. FINANCE.—The Treasury of the Seminary is in a healthy condition, and the accruing incomes, it is believed, will be sufficient to meet the payment of salaries and current expenses during the next fiscal year. The Trustees deemed it wise to sell some of its securities not yielding revenues, except to a limited extent. From the proceeds of sales and other sources, the Treasurer has re-invested an amount sufficient to keep the aggregate investment at about one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars in nominal value. The income derived from funds invested for scholarships has been used, during the past year, to great advantage to students, enabling them to prosecute their studies without interruption for lack of pecuniary means. From past experience of the value of these scholarships the Trustees would strongly urge upon Christians to contribute, with greater liberality, to the completion of scholarships already commenced and to founding still others for the Seminary.

5. In addition to the Directors to be appointed by the Synods in consequence of the terms of office of certain Directors expiring with the meetings of the Synods in 1870, (whose names are to be found in the records of the Synods) vacancies occur in the body of Trustees, occasioned by the death of the Rev. W. H. Foote, D.D., and the resignation of the Rev. H. C. Alexander. All the Directors attended the June (1870) meeting, or rendered satisfactory excuses for absence, except Directors Roan, Bullock, Peyton and Murphy.

6. TERMS.—After one year's experience, the Trustees have deemed it expedient to return to the former length of the terms of study. The collegiate year will commence with the second Monday in September, and close with the second Wednesday of the following May. The annual meetings of the Board will be held on the Tuesday before the second Wednesday in May,

7. ROOMS.—The special attention of the Synods is requested to the want of sufficient accommodation for the students. With the increase of numbers confidently expected, it will be necessary to supply furniture to unfurnished rooms, and to re-supply those heretofore furnished. The Synods are respectfully urged to recommend this matter to their churches, and to provide more fully for the necessities and conveniences of our students.

8. OFFICES.—The official list is hereto appended.

9. On a review of the history of the Seminary for the past year, the church ought to render devout thanks to God for the great and unwonted measure of prosperity with which He has blessed this institution of sacred learning. The prayers of the people of God have been answered. The several departments of Theological training are filled by men of fidelity and ability, and our young men are well prepared "to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

By order of the Trustees. Respectfully submitted.

C. C. REAT, ecretary.

OFFICERS.—*Directors*—Ministers: Rev. C. H. Read, D.D., S. A. Stanfield, J. Rumple, (terms expire 1870) W. Brown, D.D,, E. Hines, J. P. McPherson, W. T. Richardson (1871), J. J. Bulloch, J. H. Smith, J. M. Sherwood (1872), F. H. Johnston, J. M. Atkinson, H. M. White, J. L. Kirkpatrick (1873), two vacancies viz: of Dr. Foote (1870) and Dr. Alexander (1872). Elders: C. C. Read, A. T. Summey (1870), N. M. Roan, E. M. Armstrong (1871), C. L. Peyton, E. N. Hutchison (1872), P. Murphy, A. G. McIlwaine (1873).

Rev. Wm. Brown, D.D., President; Rev. J. Rumple and A. G. McIlwaine, Vice-Presidents; C. C. Read, Farmville, Va., Secretary; F. N. Watkins, Assist. Sec'y and Treasurer, Farmville, Va.

The post office address of the Professors and Students is "Hampden Sidney," Prince Edward Co., Va.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

RECEIPTS.

1869, October 13.	Balance in my hands,		$ 57 03
1870, April 15,	Presbytery of Fayetteville for 1870,		40 00
May 5,	"	Wilmington " 1869,	25 00
"	"	" " 1870,	25 00
"	"	Orange " "	65 00
October 4.	Balance due to Treasurer,		13 34
			$ 225 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

1869, October 20.	Paid Rev. J. Doll, salary as stated clerk for the year 1869, and his account	$ 75 66
1870, April 15.	Paid Rev. J. M. Sherwood, as per his account and receipt	149 71
		$ 225 37

Showing a balance of $13 34 due to the Treasurer, and the assessment of Synod on Concord Presbytery for 1870. $75 00 unpaid.

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, Treasurer.

October 4, 1870.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1813.	Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	Rev. William McPheeters,	Fayetteville.
1816.	Rev. John Robinson,	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D.D.,	Fayetteville.
1819.	Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, M.D.	Raleigh.
1820.	Rev. William Paisley,	Poplar Tent.
1821.	Rev. John M. Wilson,	Salisbury.
1822.	Rev. John Robinson,	Hillsboro'.
1823.	Rev. John Witherspoon,	Fayetteville.

1824. Rev. Colin McIver,.....Statesville.
1825. Rev. John B. Davis,.....Greensboro'.
1826. Rev. William McPheeters, D.D.,.....Fayetteville.
1827. Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.,.....Salisbury.
The Stated Clerk has no record of this and two succeeding meetings.
1828. Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch,.....Raleigh.
1829. Rev. John Williamson,.....Fayetteville.
1830. Rev. Samuel L. Graham,.....Hopewell.
1831. Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich,.....Hillsboro'.
1832. Rev. Samuel Williamson,.....Salisbury.
1833. Rev. Henry A. Rowland,.....Wilmington.
1834. Rev. James W. Douglass,.....Oxford.
1835. Rev. Henry N. Pharr,.....Salisbury.
1836. Rev. Joseph Brown,.....Fayetteville.
1837. Rev. N. H. Harding,.....Shiloh Church.
1838. Rev. Stephen Frontis,.....Third Creek Church.
1839. Rev. Daniel A. Penick,.....Lincolnton.
1840. Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D.,.....Danville, Va.
1841. Rev. William N. Peacock,.....Fayetteville.
1842. Rev. Walter S. Pharr,.....Poplar Tent.
1843. Rev. James Phillips,.....Raleigh.
1844. Rev. Simeon Colton,.....Fayetteville.
1845. Rev. Samuel Williamson,.....Charlotte.
1846. Rev. Drury Lacy,.....Greensboro'.
1847. Rev. Evander McNair,.....Fayetteville.
1848. Rev. Cyrus Johnston,.....Salisbury.
1849. Rev. John A. Gretter,.....Hillsboro'.
1850. Rev. Adam Gilchrist,.....Centre.
1851. Rev. Archibald Baker,.....Rocky River.
1852. Rev. William N. Mebane,.....Danville, Va.
1853. Rev. Hector McLean,.....Wilmington.
1854. Rev. A. L. Watts,.....Concord.
1855. Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D.D.,.....Greensboro'.
1856. Rev. Neill McKay,.....Fayetteville.
1857. Rev. Walter W. Pharr,.....Charlotte.
1858. Rev. Jacob Doll,.....Newbern.
1859. Rev. F. K. Nash,.....Wilmington.
1860. Rev. R. H. Lafferty,.....Statesville.
1861. Rev. Edward Hines,.....Raleigh.
1862. Rev. John M. Sherwood,.....Goldsboro'.
1863. Rev. R. N. Davis,.....Salisbury.
1864. Rev. A. G. Hughes,.....Greensboro'.
1865. Rev. Colin Shaw,.....Fayetteville.
1866. Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D.D.,.....Charlotte.
1867. Rev. Archibald Currie,.....Newbern.
1868. Rev. D. D. McBryde,.....Wilmington.
1869. Rev. Jesse Rankin,.....Morganton.
1870. Rev. S. A. Stanfield,.....Raleigh.

Stated Clerks of the Synod of North Carolina.

1813. Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818. Rev. Colin McIver.
1849. Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855. Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859. Rev. Jacob Doll.

Union Theological Seminary.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. L. McKinnon. — Mr. A. T. Summey, Ruling-Elder.
Rev. J. Rumple. — To go out in 1874.

SECOND CLASS TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston. — Mr. P. Murphy, Ruling-Elder.
Rev. J. M. Atkinson. — To go out in 1873.

THIRD CASS TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith. — Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling-Elder.
Rev. J. M. Sherwood. — To go out in 1872.

FOURTH CLASS TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. J. P. McPherson. — Dr. R. L. Beall, Ruling-Elder.
Rev. Edward Hines. — To go out in 1871.

Trustees of Synod.

Col. Thomas A. Allison.....Statesville, N. C.
Mr. D. A. Davis, ...Salisbury, N. C.
Mr. William F. Cowan, ...Statesville, N. C.
Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, ...Greensboro', N. C.

Agents of Synod.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. J. M. Sherwood, Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., Agent of Education.
Rev. J. Henry Smith, Agent of Publication and Colportage.
Rev. L. C. Vass, Agent of Sabbath Schools.

Treasurer of Synod.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Greensboro', N. C.

DOCKET

OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., OCT. 11, 1871.

1. Prayer.
2. Roll called.
3. Moderator chosen.
4. Temporary Clerks chosen.
5. Minutes read.
6. Absentees from the last meeting of the Synod.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.—Rev. Messrs. G. W. Ferrill, C. N. Morrow, C. H. Wiley, W. B. Tidball, H. B. Pratt and J. M. M. Caldwell.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.—Rev. Messrs. Daniel Lindley, Thos. P. Johnston and S. [illegible] Millen.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.—Rev. Messrs. Hector McNeill,

Hector McAlister, Jas. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley, Malcom McNair and K. M. McIntyre.

From the Presbytery of Wilmington.—Rev. Messrs. D. B. Black, C. Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, B. F. Marable, H. B. Burr and A. McFadyen.

From the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.—Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, N. Shotwell, W. N. Morrison, William Graves, J. F. W. Freeman, Jacob Hood and R. B. Anderson.

7. Read the statistical reports of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Mecklenburg Presbyteries.

8. Appoint the following standing committees:

1. On Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. On the Records of Orange Presbytery.
4. On the Records of Concord Presbytery.
5. On the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery.
6. On the Records of Wilmington Presbytery.
7. On the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery.
8. To prepare an address to the Churches on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.
9. On devotional exercises.
10. On the Treasurer's Account.
11. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.
12. On Union Theological Seminary.
13. On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.
14. On leave of absence.

9. Read the narrative of Orange Presbytery on the state of religion.

10. Read the narrative of Concord Presbytery on the state of religion.

11. Read the narrative of Fayetteville Presbytery on the state of religion.

12. Read the narrative of Wilmington Presbytery on the state of religion.

13. Read the narrative of Mecklenburg Presbytery on the state of religion.

14. Read the report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary.

15. The term of office of the fourth class of Directors of Union Theological Seminary expires at this meeting of Synod, viz: Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. Edward Hines, Dr. R. L. Beall, Ruling-Elder.

16. Absentees at the calling of the roll at the close of the last session of Synod. [See Minutes of last session.]

17. Read the report of Orange Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

18. Read the report of Concord Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

19. Read the report of Fayetteville Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

20. Read the report of Wilmington Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

21. Read the report of Mecklenburg Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

22. Report on the life and labors of Rev. Robert Tate. Rev. J. M. Sprunt and Rev. C. Shaw, committee, appointed in 1867.

23. Report on the life and labors of Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D., Rev. C. Phillips, D.D., Rev. A. G. Hughes and Mr. Thomas Sparrow, Ruling-Elder, committee, appointed 1867.

24. Report on the life and labors of Rev. Daniel Johnson. Rev. J. H. Coble, Rev. M. McNair and A. Baker, Ruling-Elder, committee, appointed in 1868.

25. Report of the Trustees of Synod.

26. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

27. Report of the Agent of Sustentation, Rev. J. M. Sherwood.

28. Report of the Agent of Education, Rev. Neill McKay, D.D.

29. Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. Z. Johnston.

30. Report of the Agent of Publication, Rev. J. H. Smith.

31. Report of the Agent of Sabbath schools, Rev. L. C. Vass.

32. Shall the Minutes of Synod be published and how many copies?

33. Statistical report of the Synod to the General Assembly.

34. Time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

35. Call the roll at the close of the session.